amendment in the NCC Rules to this ffect was notified on 24 Dec. 88. In the meantime, some officers who completed 50 years of age on or after 13 Feb. 87 but before 24th Dec. 88 were allowed to continue to work as Caretakers. The Ministry of Law & Justice however held that the said amendment cannot have retrospective effect. A case of regu-larisation of services of such NCC Officers is under consideration in consultation with Ministry of Law & Justice.

(c) No definite time schedule can be given.

Minor Boys Arrested by Army in Assam

1365. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of minor boys arrested by the Army in Assam in the name of nabbing ULFA extremists and the particulars thereof;

(b) the number of the minor boys found to be connected with ULFA activities;

(c) whether their parents are be. ng i formed after their arrest; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) As per the State Government's information, no minor boys arrested by the Army.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Rape Cases in Assam

1366. SHRI BHADRES WAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total number of rapes committed by the Army during the operation Bajrang in Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): No allegation of rape by Army personnel during 'Operation Bajrang' in Assam has been substantiated so far.

Conditions in Assam

1367. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent statement of the Governor of Assam that normalcy is fast returning to Assam and that he has diverted his attention to developmental works;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to abolish application of the Disturbed Area Act from Assam and thereby lifting President's Rule in Assam; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) After imposition of the President's Rule in the State of Assam, a better atmosphere of security among the people prevails in that State.

(b) and (c) Any decision in this regard will have to take into account

factors such as arrest of top leadership of ULFA and its activists, recovery of weapons from them and an assessment of their ability to start their activities again.

Closure of Titagarh Paper mill at Chandwar

1368. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plesed to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the closure of Titagarh Paper mill No. 3 of Chandwar in Orissa;

(b) whether the Central Government have suggested to the State Government of Orissa to take over the mill;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to the employses; and

(d) if so, the details thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has sanctioned a rehabilitation scheme for Titagarh Paper Mills by its order dated 21-12-1990. This envisages sale of Mill No. 3 located in Orissa to the State Government of Orissa and settlement of labour dues.

Promotion of ex-servicemen in Ordinance Factories

1369. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question 2300 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th August, 1990 and state:

(a) the details of present trade, technical or non-technical, along-with the respective dates of joining each Ordnance Factory's location-wise of the five supervisors belonging to the category of ex-servicemen;

(b) whether some Members of Parliament have also requested for their promotions with retrospective date;

(c) whether the DGOF had earlier given time limit of further promotion which were to have matured within three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) i Details are as under: —

Name of the Factory	Grade/Trade	No.	Date of joining
Ordnance Fy., Kanpur	. Supervisor 'B Tech .	1	13-7-1977
Vehicle Fy., Jabalpur	Supervisor 'B' Tech	2	3-4-1979
		1	22-4-1979

Information in respect of one Supervisor from Ordnance Factory, Ambajhari is being collected.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise, in view of reply to (c) above.